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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SALE OF U.S. PASSPORTS

QUOTED BELOW FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION IS A MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 15, 1976, FROM RSO TEHRAN TO RSO ISLAMABAD:

QUOTE 1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THIS OFFICE BY A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WORKING IN OUR CONSULAR SECTION.

2. A CITIZEN OF SRI LANKA CAME TO OUR CONSULATE ON/ABOUT 9 AUGUST 1976, WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE.

3. HE SAID HIS NAME WAS MR. M.C.M. MASOOD, OF 158 U.H. ROAD, GALHINNA (C.P.), SRI LANKA. HE CLAIMED HE WENT TO KARACHI ON 10 MAY 76. TO LOOK FOR A JOB. HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND THAT IS WHY HE IS NOW IN TEHRAN.

4. WHILE IN KARACHI, HE WAS APPROACHED BY A MAN NAMED AHMAD SON SALEEM (PHONETIC) IN EITHER THE BOMBAY (OR BONBAY) BAZAAR, OR IN THE BOURI BAZAAR. HE SELLS TEXTILES 'ON THE PAVEMENT' AND IS 'TALL AND FAT'. HE ASKED MASOOD IF HE WANTED TO BUY A U.S. PASSPORT FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF 20,000 RUPEES, PAYABLE IN POUND STERLING OR IN U.S. DOLLARS. MASOOD ALLEGEDLY DECLINED. THE BAZAAR IS LOCATED IN THE SARDAR (PHONETIC) SECTION OF KARACHI. IN ADDITION TO THE MONEY, MASOOD SAID HE ALSO REQUESTED THREE PHOTOGRAPHS.

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5. THIS REPRESENTS ALL WE KNOW. OUR HOPE IS THAT IT WILL BE OF  
VALUE TO YOU AND NOT JUST ANOTHER BIT OF MILEADING INFORMATION.  
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